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**NEWS SUMMARY**

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**South Carolina man sentenced to prison for engaging in illicit sexual conduct with minor from Clintonville, Wisconsin.**

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that James L. Peavy, 29, of Columbia, South Carolina, was sentenced this week to 64 months in federal prison and 10 years of supervised release for traveling from South Carolina to Clintonville, Wisconsin, to have illicit sexual conduct with a 15 year old girl.

According to the plea agreement reached in the case, on December 15, 2006, Peavy traveled from South Carolina to Clintonville, for purposes of having sexual intercourse with Jane Doe, a fifteen year old female. Peavy met Jane Doe about one year ago via the Internet. Peavy and Jane Doe began chatting on a regular basis while on-line and traded pictures over the Internet. During these discussions, Jane Doe told Peavy that she was only fifteen years of age and that she was a freshman in high school. After Peavy drove from South Carolina to Clintonville, he rented a motel room in the area and met with Jane Doe, who had been staying at a friend's house. Peavy drove Jane Doe to the motel room and had sexual intercourse with her.

Peavy was arrested pursuant to a federal criminal complaint and admitted traveling to Wisconsin to meet with Jane Doe for purposes of engaging in sexual intercourse. He stated that he knew "it was just a matter of time until I was caught."

The case stems from an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation; Department of Homeland Security-Immigration Customs Enforcement; Clintonville Police Department; and Outagamie County Sheriff's Department. Assistance has also been provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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